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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): Ballard C. Bare

Confirmation No.: 7323

Application No.: 09/228,087

Examiner: Kevin C. Harper

Filing Date: 01/11/1999

Group Art Unit: 2666

Title: BROADCAST TREE DETERMINATION IN LOAD BALANCING SWITCH PROTOCOLS

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TOTAL CLAIMS	26	MINUS	28	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	MINUS	2	= 0	X \$86	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$280	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$400.00	3RD MONTH \$920.00	4TH MONTH \$1440.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

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Respectfully submitted,

Ballard C. Bare

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In response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 28, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as shown below:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.